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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Antje Ziemer et al.

Application No.: 10/577,028

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Art Unit: 1796

For: Polymeric Particles Capable of  
Absorbing Blood and/or Body Fluids

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Examiner: Charles I. Boyer

**AMENDMENT "A"**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action of September 29, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.